

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with H. Artoush Ohanian (Reg. No. 46,022) on 11 February 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. A system of email administration comprising:

means for receiving, stored in a transcoding gateway from a client ~~device~~ device, one or more email display status attributes describing one or more email display capability statuses for a domain;

means for receiving, stored in the transcoding gateway from a ~~sender~~ sender, an email display capability status request for the domain, wherein the capability status request comprises a domain identification and the email display capability status request includes a sender identification identifying the sender, further comprising:

means for determining, in dependence upon the sender identification, that the sender is authorized to send email to a connection address in the domain, further comprising:

means for finding, in dependence upon the sender identification and in dependence upon the domain identification, at least one sender authorization record, wherein:

the sender authorization record represents authorization for the sender to send email to a connection address in the domain;

the sender authorization record comprises sender authorization attributes including a connection address in the domain; and

means for finding at least one email display capability record for the domain further comprises means for finding, in dependence upon the domain identification and in dependence upon the connection address, at least one email display capability status record for the domain;

means for finding, in dependence upon the domain identification, at least one email display capability status record for the domain, wherein the email display capability status record for the domain includes:

a display capability identification;

a display capability description;

a connection type, wherein the connection type is an indication of the protocol or communications technology to be used to send an email or digital objects to client devices;

a connection address, wherein the connection address is an indication of where to send email or digital objects from the transcoding gateway;

a transcode type, wherein the transcode type is an indication whether digital objects in email are to be transcoded in the transcoding gateway or forwarded for further processing elsewhere;

an availability field, wherein the availability field is a status indication of whether a display capability is currently available, including indicating whether a client device or display device is powered off or on; and

a recent usage field, wherein the recent usage field is a status indication of a recent time when a capability was used; and
means for sending at least one email display capability status attribute to the sender.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, and 18-21 are allowed in view of the Applicant's arguments (Response filed 1/27/2009) and the cited prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is 571-272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9am-5:30pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tonia Dollinger can be reached on (571) 272-4170. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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